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2685/112239**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Hans Anderson; Ed Pallay
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FOR : A Method and Apparatus for Voice Mail Sharing Between Wired
and Wireless Telephones
GROUP ART UNIT : 2742
EXAMINER : Allen Hoosain

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 1999, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTIn The Specification:

Page 1, line 7: after --can-- add "be".

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-17 have been rejected as anticipated by Pepe et al. (US Pat. No. 5,742,905).

1. Amendment of the Specification

The Specification has been amended to correct a minor typographical error.

2. The prior art rejection of claims 1-17

The specification for the current application explains that, in accordance with the present invention, there is a single voice mailbox for the subscriber "which will receive messages directed to either one or both of the telephone instruments 112 and 201." In view of this, independent claims 1, 7 and 13 recite a voice mailbox associated with two different stations, each station being connected or coupled to different networks.

Pepe et al. does not disclose this feature of claims 1, 7 and 13. Although a user of the system in Pepe et al. may use a wireless phone or a wireline phone, they are not different "stations" within the meaning of claims 1, 7 and 13 because these phones have the same phone number. Thus, Pepe et al. states that "[t]he mobile communications subscriber can receive e-mail, fax, pages, and voice messages under a single phone number while using either a wireless or wireline network." Col. 5, lines 59-62 (emphasis added). The wireless and wireline phones therefore do not act as independent stations. Claims 1, 7 and 13 are therefore not taught or suggested by Pepe et al.

Receiving & delivery
Page 1, lines 4-11
3 lines 8-10, 18-20
21-25
both wireless and coupled
(simultaneously)

Notification
both wireless
& simultaneous

Page 4, lines 3-5

In addition, Pepe et al. does not teach transmitting a message waiting notice to both stations as recited in claims 7 and 13. While Pepe et al. teaches cross-media notification of messages, such as the sending of message notification via e-mail to a personal digital assistant (col. 20, lines 42-54), it does not teach sending message waiting indicators to both the telephone instrument on the wireless network and the telephone instrument on the wired network.

For at least the above reason, it is believe that claims 1, 7 and 13 represent patentable subject matter over Pepe et al. Removal of the rejections with respect to these claims is respectfully requested. Further, dependent claims 2-6, 8-12, and 14-17 all depend from claims 1, 7 or 13, and thus these claims also indirectly recite a voice mailbox associated with two different stations, each station being connected or coupled to different networks. Therefore, these claims are patentable for at least those reasons presented for claims 1, 7 and 13. Removal of the rejections with respect to these claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is believed that all claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4310 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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